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Memorandum

TO: Partnership Board

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FR: James Corless

RE: Update on MTC Environmental Justice Principles

As you know from the presentation at your last meeting, the Commission adopted two Environmental Justice principles proposed by MTC's Minority Citizens Advisory Committee (MCAC) in March 2006 and asked staff to look into the implication of EJ principle #2 — specifically whether or not inequities currently exist in the distribution of transportation funding in the Bay Area. Principle #2 reads as follows:

Principle #2 – Collect accurate and current data essential to defining and understanding the presence and extent of inequities, if any, in transportation funding based on race and income.

It is important to remember that the Commission requested the development and analysis of this data to better understand the implications of MCAC's proposed EJ principle #3 – which the Commission did not adopt pending the outcome of the funding analysis:

MCAC Proposed Principle #3 – MTC should change its discretionary investment decisions and actions to mitigate identified inequities.

An Environmental Justice subcommittee consisting of members from MCAC and the Partnership Board have been working with staff on an EJ funding analysis since April 2006. A great deal of the recent work of the subcommittee has been focused specifically on the distribution of funding among five of the largest transit operators. The attached memo and charts were the subject of the final EJ subcommittee meeting at the end of November and document several hypothetical scenarios that suggest how funding might be increased for two operators in particular: Muni and AC Transit.

At the Partnership Board meeting on December 8, MTC staff will provide a final update on the work of the subcommittee and ask that the Partnership forward its recommendation to the Commission. Staff will also ask MCAC to forward its recommendation to the Commission at its meeting on December 12. A final report will be presented to the Legislation Committee of the Commission on Friday, January 12, 2007.